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I oppose Bill HB 5080 Sunday Hunting on private land.

First of all, how many Sundays will there be hunting?

Private land does not just mean a person's property and that no one should be on it. There are thousands of acres of private land all over the state belonging to water companies, utility companies, nature conservancy land and land trusts. Many of these lands already allow hunting so almost certainly Sunday hunting would be allowed. Many people, including myself, depend on this one day to relax, take a walk, walk your dog without encountering someone in camouflage sitting in a tree, hiding behind a tree or propped up against a tree with a weapon.

Hunters are approximately 1% of the State's population. According to this chart prepared from DEEP's Hunting and Trapping Guide, we have in Connecticut, a one year long hunting season minus the 52 Sundays - that's 313 days of hunting in which some animal can be killed - deer, turkey, geese red & gray fox, raccoon, opossum, squirrels, woodchucks and many, many more.

That would be 313 days for hunters and 52 days for non hunters.

Sunday hunting will not eradicate the black legged tick. Deer hunting starts mid-September and ends December 31 and in some areas it continues through the whole month of January. Plenty of time to control the black legged tick which can be found on 49 species of birds and many mammal species. So Sunday hunting would have minimal or no effect at all. Except for making many people miserable, what is the purpose of Sunday hunting?

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2013 HUNTING SEASONS STATE LANDS ONLY

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
DEER - ARCHERY									16		19	25-31
TURKEY - ARCHERY				24	25				16		19	25-31
DEER - SHOTGUN											20	10
DEER - MUZZLELD.R.												11-24
TURKEY - FIREARMS				24	25					5	31	
PHEASANT	1		28							19		31
GRAY SQUIRREL	1		28						2	29	19	31
COTTONTAIL RABBIT	1		28							19		31
RACCOON	1	15								19		31
FOX, RED	1		28							19		31
FOX, GRAY	1		28							19		31
COYOTE	1			23	27					4	19	31
OPOSSUM	1	15									19	31
WOODCHUCK			15	23	27					4	19	19
CROW	1		28								19	31
PORCUPINE *												
RED SQUIRREL *												
SKUNK *												
WEASEL *												

***** TUEDE IS NOT OPEN SEASON FOR PORCUPINE RED SQUIRREL WEASEL OR SKUNK

Open Waterfowl Seasons and Bag Limits

Changes from 2012 are highlighted in bold

(All Dates Inclusive + Except Sundays)

NORTH ZONE: The portion of the state north of Interstate 95; **SOUTH ZONE:** The portion of the state south of Interstate 95.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, **except for the September Goose Season, when shooting hours end ½-hour past sunset.**

SPECIES	SEASON	NORTH ZONE	SOUTH ZONE	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
DUCKS, MERGANSERS, and COOTS	Early Late	Oct. 9 - Oct. 19 Nov. 11 - Jan. 7	Oct. 9 - Oct. 12 Nov. 16 - Jan. 20	DUCKS 6 ^{A,B} COOTS 15	18 ^{A,B} 45
SCAUP	Early Late	Oct. 9 - Oct. 19 Nov. 11 - Jan. 7	Oct. 9 - Oct. 12 Nov. 16 - Jan. 20	2 2	6 6
SEA DUCKS (Scoter, Oldsquaw, Eider) ^C			Sept. 21 - Jan. 20	5 ^P	15 ^P
CANADA GEESE ^E	September Early Season	Sept. 3 - Sept. 30	Sept. 14 - Sept. 30	15	45
REGULAR SEASONS	AP Unit ^F	Oct. 15 - Oct. 19 Nov. 16 - Jan. 7		3	9
	AFRP Unit ^G	Oct. 15 - Oct. 19 Nov. 20 - Nov. 30 Dec. 3 - Feb. 15	Oct. 15 - Oct. 19 Nov. 20 - Nov. 30 Dec. 3 - Feb. 15	5	15
	NAP-H Unit ^H	Oct. 9 - Oct. 19 Nov. 19 - Jan. 15	Oct. 9 - Oct. 19 Nov. 19 - Jan. 15	2	6
Special Late Season					
SNOW GEESE (includes BLUE GEESE)		Oct. 1 - Jan. 15 Feb. 21 - Mar. 10	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 Jan. 7 - Mar. 10	25	1
BRANT		Dec. 4 - Jan. 7	Dec. 17 - Jan. 20	2	6

- ^A Includes all species of ducks, with the following restrictions: MALLARD: daily limit 4 and may include only 2 HENS; WOOD DUCK: daily limit 3; BLACK DUCK: daily limit 1; SCAUP: daily limit 2; REDHEAD: daily limit 2; PINTAIL: daily limit 2; CANVASBACK: daily limit 2; HOODED MERGANSER: daily limit 2. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. SE, FOR HARLEQUIN DUCKS IS CLOSED.
- ^B MERGANSERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL DUCK BAG OF 6.
- ^C In coastal waters and streams seaward of the first upstream bridge.
- ^D Daily bag limit for sea ducks may include no more than 4 SCOTERS, 4 OLD SQUAW, 12 in possession.
- ^E Daily bag limit includes white-fronted geese.
- ^F AP Unit: Litchfield County and the portion of Hartford County, west of a line beginning at the Massachusetts border in Suffield and extending south along Route 159 to its intersection with Interstate 91 in Hartford, and then extending south along Interstate 91 to its intersection with the Hartford/Middlesex County line.
- ^G AFRP Unit: Starting at the intersection of I-95 and the waters of the Quinnipiac River, excluding the east shore, north on the Quinnipiac River to its intersection with I-91, north on I-91 to I-691 Hartford County line, and encompassing the rest of New Haven County and Fairfield County in its entirety.
- ^H NAP-H Unit: All of the rest of the state not included in the AP or AFRP descriptions above.
- ^I That portion of the South Zone east of the Quinnipiac River.
- ^J There is no possession limit for snow geese.